

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL TO LA PORTE INDUSTRY

Change Was the Theme of the November CAC Meeting

When summarizing the topics of the November meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) to La Porte Industry, *change* was the common thread.

The Safety Moment presenter, Kuraray EVAL Plant Manager Scott Hardegree, asked, "How do we *change* natural human behavior for safety's sake?" Two La Porte plants that had significant industrial events in 2021 made followup reports. Plant Managers Stephen Goff of LyondellBasell La Porte and Chris Breeck of Dow Bayport shared investigation results and noted *changes* made to prevent similar releases in the future.

La Porte Emergency Management Coordinator Johnny Morales announced that the City of La Porte has *changed* its emergency notification system. To sign up, visit www.AlertLP.com. It is available to anyone who lives, works, travels through, or visits the city. Information from the existing system was carried over to the new system, but it is still important to choose how you want to be contacted (voice, text, or email) and for what (emergencies, mosquito spraying, etc.)

The CAC's facilitation team is also *changing*. Diane Sheridan, who has facilitated the CAC for 25 of its 32 year history, will retire at the end of 2022. Tiffany Miller will move from Facilitation Associate to Facilitator after 5 years of service. A job notice for a new associate is posted at www.laportecac.org. The facilitation team emails have *changed* to LaPorteCAC@gmail.com.

The CAC also met in a new location: First United Methodist Church La Porte. The CAC will continue to meet in different parts of the Bayshore cities, making it easy for nearby residents to attend a meeting. The CAC meets again on Thursday, January 12, 2023, a *change* from the usual first Tuesday meeting necessitated by the holidays. Watch for details at www.laportecac.org or call 713-851-1116.

The CAC is a forum for candid and constructive dialogue between those who live or work in La Porte, Morgan's Point, and Shoreacres and the managers of 43 chemical plants in La Porte. Visitors are welcome. To attend one of the 6 p.m. meetings, contact a member or email the CAC facilitator at info@laportecac.org. The group meets again November 1, 2022 for follow-up reports on three major environmental and/or safety events in 2021. The CAC shares information about its meetings and presentations at www.laportecac.org.